

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 12-15 have been added. Accordingly, claims 12-15 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 12-15 were finally rejected in the parent application as being unpatentable over Blakeley et al. It is submitted that the new claims submitted in this amendment patentably define the present invention over Blakeley et al.

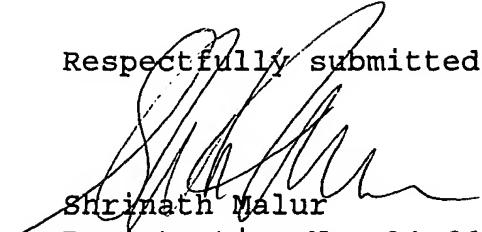
According to the present invention, by cataloging the evaluation style of an embedded module in advance in a database system and selecting a procedural model according to the cataloged evaluation style, an embedded module that returns the results of an evaluation as a set can be executed by properly generating an execution procedure command package. As a result, according to the present invention, the processing method in a database server is determined according to whether the form of the processing result returned to the execution control in the database management system is a set form.

Blakeley et al disclose a method for adding an associative query capability to a programming language. However, Blakeley et al do not disclose that the processing method in a database server is determined according to the

form of the processing result returned to the execution control in the database management system as in the present invention.

Examination is hereby requested.

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